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Dear Mr. Roffman:

This is in reply to your letter of January 19, 1972, concerning the examination by Dr. John K. Lattimer of the X-rays and photographs relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy.

The statement referred to in the San Francisco Examiner & Chronicle of January 9 was an oral statement in response to questions by an Associated Press reporter on the telephone. There was no written statement or press release.

The following answers are numbered in accordance with the questions in your letter:

1. About four hours.

2. The autopsy material listed in Appendix B to the letter agreement of October 29, 1966, between the Administrator of General Services and the Kennedy family representative, Mr. Burke Marshall; a report concerning the autopsy material, which includes a descriptive list, by the personnel of the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland, who were present at the autopsy; President Kennedy's coat, shirt, necktie, back brace, and Ace bandage; and Commission Exhibit 399 (bullet).

3. Employees of the National Archives.

4. No one.

5. None, other than copies of Commission exhibit photographs of the clothing and bullet available to the public that may have been provided to Dr. Lattimer at times before his examination of the material.

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6. No.

7. Dr. Lattimer's application to examine the autopsy material was approved by Mr. Marshall, the Kennedy family representative, as provided for in the agreement with him.

We do not provide copies of our reference correspondence or information relating to that correspondence pursuant to the exemption found in the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6), which relates to "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

Sincerely,

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